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1. GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MEETING OF COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH HARVEST AND CONSERVATION OF NORTH PACIFIC SALMON RESOURCES DOES NOT APPEAR TO US TO BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME. USG, GOC AND GOJ ARE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE NEW AGREEMENT ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NORTH PACIFIC SALMON RESOURCES AND, ACCORDING TO MARCH 26 PRESS REPORTS HERE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONGOING SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS MAY AT LAST BE MAKING SOME HEADWAY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PROPOSED MEETING WOULD HAVE EFFECT ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MARCH 26 PRESS REPORTS HERE INDICATE SOVIETS HAVE SOFTENED STAND ON JAPANESE HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING IN 1978. ACCORDING TO JAPAN TIMES, THOUGH SOVIET VIEW REMAINS THAT HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHERY SHOULD BE HALTED, IT IS WILLING TO LET JAPAN HAVE QUOTA THIS YEAR, SIZE OF WHICH WILL BE WORKED OUT IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE BELIEVE QUOTA AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED ABOUT TIME SALMON FLEET IS TO SAIL ON MAY 15.

3. MEETING AMONG SCIENTISTS STUDYING NORTH PACIFIC SALMON STOCKS TO DEVISE SYSTEM OF DATA EXCHANGE AND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE DEMANDS ALREADY BEING PLACED ON U.S. SALMON SCIENTISTS, TIMING OF MEETING, IF PROPOSED, WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY ARRANGED TO FIT THEIR SCHEDULE. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE COOPER

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